is progressing on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway as per the revised schedule for completion by December, 2005.

(c) Peripheral roads are not part of the Expressway project.

(d) and (f) Yes, Sir.

(e) The estimated traffic density on the road is 80,000 passenger car units per day.

Express Highway in Kerala

1554. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal after the year 2002 from the State Government of Kerala for the Express Highway in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details including the length of the highway, source of fund, the total fund required and the period of construction and the number of people to be displaced due to the project;

(c) whether detailed environmental impact analysis were done for the project;

(d) if so, the agency authorised and completed the environmental impact; and

(e) if so, the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Kerala.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Package for roads in some States

1555. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a special package for development of roads in the North East Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also prepared such a package for other backward and cash-strapped States; and

(d) if so, the details of such a package for development of roads in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has framed a project for accelerated improvement of National Highways in the North Eastern Region, which is under proposal stage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Violation of NHAI's road guidelines

1556. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI guidelines allow subletting and sub-contracting so far as the Golden Quadrilateral Highway project is concerned;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether it has come to the notice of Government that the principal contractor had sub-contracted majority of portions of the contract in Bihar and other places in violation of NHAI guidelines and ignored the poor quality of work;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether Government propose to get the samples of work carried out by the subcontractors tested by road construction experts; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.